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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR MANITOBA FARMERS

Government assistance programs for the agricultural producer are numerous and constantly changing. These programs take various forms. This update lists various financial assistance programs currently available to the agricultural producers of this province. Each financial assistance program is briefly described, outlining eligibility criteria and where to apply.

This publication will be useful to farmers who wish to become aware of the assistance opportunities available or who wish to determine their eligibility for programs offered. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy as of April, 1985. Because of the continual changes that are taking place with respect to these programs, the details are subject to change at any time. Further details and current information should be obtained from the agencies accepting applications.

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Program	Type of Assistance	Conditions	Contact
I. A. Provincial			
1. Direct Long Term Loans - for land, livestock and machinery, permanent improvements and debt consolidation	Maximum of $200,000 for 30 years up to 80% of value of land and 90% of livestock and equipment - 60% of security must be in land and up to 40% may be in livestock and a maximum of 20% in equipment. Interest rate is the nearest higher 0.5% over monthly cost of financing to the Province.	A Canadian citizen or landed immigrant residing in Manitoba or will be after the loan, 18 years of age of over, principally occupied in farming or will be after the loan, with a net worth of up to $185,000.	Field Representative, Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (or 15 Field Offices)
2. Direct Intermediate Term Loans - for land, machinery, livestock and permanent	Maximum of $60,000 up to 80% of value of land and 90% of livestock and 65% of machinery. Repayment period is 10 years. Interest at the nearest higher 0.5% over monthly cost of financing to the Province.	A Canadian citizen or landed immigrant residing in Manitoba or will be after the loan, 18 years of age or over, principally occupied in farming or will be after the loan, with a net worth of up to $185,000.	Field Representative, Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (or 15 Field Offices)
3. Young Farmers Interest Rebate - to expand or re-organize farming activities	Maximum 4% rebate applies to first $50,000 loaned for first 5 years of loan.	For farmers between 18 and 39 years of age inclusive, who obtain a Direct Long Term Loan or a Specific Comprehensive Long Term Loan.	Field Representative, Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (or 15 Field Offices)
4. Direct Corporate, Cooperative and Partnership Loans - to establish and develop multiple owner farm enterprises for all conventional farming operations and feedlots and vegetable storage facilities	Maximum of up to 70% of appraised value of securities or producer performance bonds. Interest at the nearest higher 0.5% over the monthly cost of financing to the Province.	Co-operatives, corporations, partnerships and producer boards are eligible.	Field Representative, Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (or 15 Field Offices)
5. Specific Comprehensive Guaranteed Loans - for land, livestock, machinery, permanent improvements, debt consolidation and operating capital improvements	Maximum of $300,000 over 31 years. Interest rate may not exceed prime plus 1% for loans.	A Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant residing in Manitoba 18 years of age and principally occupied in farming. Equity in farming operation of not less than 10% and not more than 40%.	Field Representative, Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (or 15 Field Offices)
6. Stocker Program - to retain stocker calves in Manitoba	Farmer agrees to feed steer stocker calves purchased by MACC. Calves may be sold up to 14 months after purchase. Stocker agreements may not exceed 300 head or $60,000 per farmer. Interest rate is the same as that set for intermediate term loans.	Manitoba residents 18 years of age or over who have feed and facilities to raise calves.	Field Representative, Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (or 15 Field Offices)

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7. Guaranteed Operating Loan - to farmers by lending institutions for operating expenses	The loan guarantee cannot exceed $125,000. Repayable annually or at the completion of a production cycle. Interest rate may not exceed prime plus 1%. MACC guarantees 12.5% of aggregate total guaranteed to each lending institution. Program maximum of $100,000,000 to all lending institutions. Expiry date December 31, 1986.	A Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant residing in Manitoba 18 years of age or over and principally occupied in farming. Equity in the farming operation of not less than 20% at the time of loan approval. Operating requirements do not exceed $125,000.	Field Representative Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (or 15 Field Offices)
8. Comprehensive Refinancing Program For Farmers - provides comprehensive refinancing for farmers including younger producers and those in financial distress	M.A.C.C. will provide debt consolidation loans to farmers of up to $200,000. The interest rate on the first $100,000 of a loan will be 9 3/4% for five years. The interest rate on the portion of the loan in excess of $100,000 and the entire loan after the five year period will be the regular M.A.C.C. rate.	To qualify, an individual must: 1) Be a resident of Manitoba. 2) Be a full-time farmer, with net worth under $185,000. 3) Have demonstrated management ability. 4) Must be in financial difficulty and require the loan in order to sustain the farm operation. 5) Must develop a plan for recovery, which enables the farm operation to service the refinanced loan. 6) Loan disbursement conditional on applicant being able to obtain an adequate operating line of credit. The program is also available to partnerships and small farm corporations that are in financial difficulty.	M.A.C.C. Field Representative or Manitoba Agriculture Farm Management Specialist in the area
9. MACC Loans to Farmers Enrolled on the Manitoba Beef Stabilization and Marketing Plan			
Plan 1 - Cash Advances - for Manitoba beef producers who desire to raise their calves, on the farm to a stocker or slaughter weight.	The maximum upper limit is $60,000 per producer for participation in plans 1 through 3 inclusive. The Contract term under Plan 1 is up to 14 months or upon sale of animals whichever occurs first. The maximum number of calves eligible is limited to the number of cows enrolled with the Manitoba Beef Commission. Maximum advance per calf: minimum 400 lbs. & under 600 lbs. = $300 minimum 400 lbs. & over 600 lbs. = $400 The interest rate shall be fixed for the term of the loans and set in accordance with the prevailing MACC rate.	A Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant residing in Manitoba 18 years of age or over and principally occupied in farming enrolled in the Manitoba Beef Stabilization and Marketing Plan. Must have the facilities, inventory and/or financial resources to raise beef calves to a stocker or slaughter weight.	Field Representative Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (or 15 Field Offices)

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Plan 2 - Custom Feeding Loan - for Manitoba beef producers who desire to finish their calves in a Custom Feedlot.	The maximum upper limit is $60,000 per producer for participation in plans 1 through 3 inclusive. The Contract term under Plan 2 is up to 14 months or upon sale of animals whichever occurs first. The maximum number of calves eligible is limited to the number of cows enrolled with the Manitoba Beef Commission. The loan is advanced in accordance with periodic charges of the Custom Feedlot. In addition, the producer is eligible to receive an advance of $200.00 on every animal over 500 lbs. placed in a feedlot. The interest rate shall be fixed for the term of the loan set in accordance with the prevailing MACC rate.	A Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant residing in Manitoba 18 years of age or over and principally occupied in farming enrolled in the Manitoba Beef Stabilization and Marketing Plan. Calves must be finished in a Custom Feedlot deemed eligible by the Manitoba Beef Commission. A satisfactory agreement must be signed between the producer and the Custom Feedlot.	Field Representative Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (Or 15 Field Offices)
Plan 3 - Facility and Production Improvement Loans - to erect permanent improvements to make improvements to buildings or land. To purchase necessary equipment.	The maximum upper limit on loans up to and including 10 year term is $60,000 per producer in plans 1 though 3 inclusive. Plan 3 would allow loans of up to $200,000 for loans amortized 11 to 30 years. The rate of interest is fixed in accordance with the prevailing MACC rate. Term will be set in accordance with the purpose of the loan and the security taken.	A Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant residing in Manitoba 18 years of age or over and principally occupied in farming enrolled in the Manitoba Beef Stabilization and Marketing Plan. Producer must have a net worth of $185,000 or less and have the management capabilities to implement the production plan on a viable basis.	Field Representative Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation 1500 Notre Dame Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0P9 (204) 786-3401 (Or 15 Field Offices)
I. B. Federal			
1. Farm Credit Act - to establish viable farm units. Loan funds may be used to purchase land, breeding stock and equipment, make improvements and pay debts.	Maximum loan of $350,000 per qualifying applicant to a maximum of $500,000 for a group. Interest rate is based on the corporation cost of acquisition of funds.	Full-time farmer or about to become a full-time farmer. Under the "Beginning Farmer" program, applicants must be full-time farmers within 5 years.	Farm Credit Corporation 400-5 Donald Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3L 2T4 (204) 949-4039 (or field offices)
2. Farm Syndicate Credit Act - to provide the financial means for farmers to act cooperatively in overcoming the cost of individual ownership of machinery, buildings, and equipment.	Maximum loan is 80% of the cost to a maximum of $15,000 per member or $100,000, whichever is the lesser. Repayment period of up to 15 years for buildings and permanently installed equipment, and seven years for mobile machinery. Interest rate is based on the yield of 1 to 10 years on Government of Canada bonds plus 1%.	A group of 3 or more farmers to act cooperatively in overcoming the cost of individual ownership of machinery, buildings and equipment.	Farm Credit Corporation 400-5 Donald Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3L 2T4 (204) 949-4039 (or field offices)

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3. Farm Improvement Loans Act - farm improvement including the purchase of livestock, equipment, machinery and additional land, constructing buildings and fences, and for drainage, irrigation, etc.	Maximum loan is $100,000. Loans may be used to finance up to 75% of the cost of livestock and equipment and up to 90% for other purposes. Repayment period of 15 years for land and 10 years for other purposes. Interest rate varies with the prime rate of chartered banks plus 1%.	Bona fide farmer.	Agriculture Canada Farm Improvement Loans Administration Sir John Carling Building 930 Carling Ave. Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5 (613) 955-9554 ext. 218 or Chartered Banks
4. Farmers and Small Business Bonds - tax initiative designed to reduce the cost of borrowing for farmers experiencing financial difficulty	Funds are made available to farmers who otherwise would be unable to obtain further financing for their business. The amount must not be less than $10,000 and not greater than $500,000. The term of the loan must not be more than 5 years and not less than 1 year. The applicable interest rate is negotiated by the borrower and the lender.	Must be experiencing financial difficulty and be: - a sole proprietor or partnership on an active business; - a corporation eligible to claim a small business deduction. Financial difficulty is defined as being in default or expecting to default on a debt repayment, with no other personal resources and an inability to obtain any further financing.	Revenue Canada Taxation 391 York Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0P5 or Chartered Banks or other financial institutions
II. CROPS, HORTICULTURE AND PASTURE			
1. Waterfowl Damage Fund - compensation for crop loss due to migratory birds which are protected by the International Bird Convention	If complete crop lost:lesser of crop value or $70 per acre up to a maximum of $13,000 per claimant. If partial loss:proportional to percentage damaged or $70 per acre, whichever is lesser up to $13,000.	Crops must be inspected when standing, swathed, sheafed or stooked, not threshed. Total damage must be more than $100.	The Manitoba Crop Insurance Corporation 3rd. Floor 25 Tupper Street N. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba R1N 3K1 (204) 857-9711
2. Big Game Protection and Damage Compensation Fund - for crop loss or damage caused by deer, elk, moose or black bears.	First claim:75% of assessed crop value to a maximum of $7,500 per single claim. Subsequent claims: will be compensated if adequate preventative measures have been adopted.	Farmers with damaged crops. Total damage must be more than $100.	The Manitoba Crop Insurance Corporation 3rd. Floor 25 Tupper Street N. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba R1N 3K1 (204) 857-9711
3. Assistance to Horticultural Societies and Shows	Membership grants of 50¢ per member up to 400 members. Horticultural show grants equal to 65% of actual prize money paid out at annual horticultural show or exhibition.	Horticultural Societies paid on membership confirmation. Based on application for show grants to the Horticulture Section.	Specialist Horticultural Section Soils & Crops Branch 908 Norquay Building Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0P8 (204) 945-3832
4. Community Pasture Program (Manitoba-Canada Agreement) - provide off-farm grazing	Pasture services at cost.	Livestock producers.	P.F.R.A. Pasture Coordinator Agricultural Crown Lands Branch 1495 St. James Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0W9 (204) 945-6752 or local P.F.R.A. community pasture office

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5. Agricultural Crown Lands Leasing Program	Financial assistance to leaseholders for authorized development of Crown land. Up to $75/acre for clearing land, $22/acre for breaking land, and $20/acre for seedbed preparation.	Farmers using Crown land.	Agricultural Crown Lands Branch 1495 St. James Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0W9 (204) 945-6748
6. Cash Advance Payment For Crops - to assist farmers producing storable crops (such as flax, canola, corn, potatoes, rutabagas, onions and honey) to improve timing of sales to their own advantage	Interest free cash advances on stored crops of up to a maximum of $15,000 for an individual, $30,000 for a corporation, partnership, business enterprise or cooperative of 2 shareholders, partners or members. If there are 3 or more shareholders, partners or members the maximum is increased to $45,000.	The crop must be delivered and priced before July 31. Interest charges apply after July 31. Application must be made before December 15 and the cheque issued before December 31.	Those companies, agencies, associations, producer groups who have applied for funds through the Advance Payment for Crops Act. For flax, canola, and corn apply with companies that handle these crops. For potatoes, rutabagas and onions, apply with the Manitoba Vegatable Producers Marketing Board. For honey apply with the Manitoba Co-operative Honey Producers Ltd. (if a member) or the Manitoba Honey Producers Marketing Board.
7. Prairie Grain Advance Payment Act - to provide cash to producers who could not deliver their wheat, oats and barley because of congestion in country elevator facilities	Interest free cash advances for wheat, oats and barley of up to $30,000 per producer, $60,000 per corporation or partnership ($90,000 if 3 or more shareholders or partners). There are 2 different types of advances. Early in the crop year advances are given on unthreshed grain while later in the crop year, advances on stored grain are made only at congested delivery points.	Grain must be delivered against the cash advance when space is available. If the producer elects to repay the advance other than by deductions from the sale of wheat, oats or barley, interest will be assessed on the value of such refunds that collectively exceed $500.	Local elevator agent.
III. LIVESTOCK			
A. Disease Compensation			
1. Tuberculosis/ Brucellosis Compensation Program - compensation and advisory assistance for animals that have to be destroyed because of these diseases.	Compensation is paid on the following basis: Grade Beef Cattle up to $1,000 Grade Dairy Cattle up to $1,200 Purebred Beef Cattle up to $1,500 Purebred Dairy Cattle up to $1,800 This compensation is made up of a combination of the salvage value of the carcass plus a government grant. If the salvage value of the carcass is more than the specific allocation, no additional government grant is made.	Available to farmers with livestock contacting tuberculosis or brucellosis. Disease must be confirmed by a meat inspector or federal veterinarian. Routine examinations are done at auction sales and packing plants.	Veterinarian Inspection Directorate Agriculture Canada 613-269 Main Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1D2 (204) 949-2203

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2. Rabies Indemnity	Federal-Provincial cost-shared (40:60) indemnity up to a maximum of $1,000 for cattle, $500 for horses and $200 for swine, sheep or goats which die from rabies.	On livestock lost because of rabies infection provided the suspected case is reported early in the sickness and attended by a federal veterinarian.	Director, Veterinary Services Branch Agricultural Services Complex University of Manitoba Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2 (204) 944-7647
3. Swamp Fever of Horses (Equine Infectious Anemia) - compensation for horses that have to be destroyed because of swamp fever.	Maximum payment of $200 per head, plus salvage value of the animal.	Diagnosis of swamp fever is done by the use of Coggin's test and the result is confirmed by a federal veterinarian.	Regional Veterinarian for Animal Health, Agriculture Canada at one of eleven district offices in Manitoba
4. Newcastle Disease in Poultry - compensation for losses of poultry that die from Newcastle Disease.	Compensation for losses of birds and eggs is based on the market value as determined by an inspector.	Available to farmers who poultry is infected with Newcastle Disease.	Regional Veterinarian for Animal Health, Agriculture Canada at one of eleven district offices in Manitoba
5. Anthrax Indemnification Program - compensation to reduce the losses of a farmer who animals die from this disease.	The payment for cattle, sheep, swine and goats which die of this disease is the market value subject to limits of $500 for cattle, $350 for horses and $100 for sheep, swine and goats. As well, free vaccination is provided to treat the herd.	Farmers with confirmed cases of Anthrax in their herds. Confirmation must be done by a federal veterinarian.	Veterinarian Inspection Directorate Agriculture Canada 613-269 Main Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1D2 (204) 949-2203
B. Honeybees			
1. Bear Fence Program - to protect bee yards from bear damage	Grants of $100 for an electric bear fence up to a maximum of 10 grants per year ($1000) per producer.	Available to beekeepers. Payable upon site inspection and approval by conservation officer.	Local Conservation Officer Natural Resources 54 District Offices or Phone: Don Dixon Provincial Apiarist 945-3861
2. Bear Damage to Bee Hive Equipment Compensation Program	Compensation of up to 75% for damaged equipment and lost honey.	Available once per site. Conditional that subsequent protection is provided.	Local Conservation Officer Natural Resources 54 District Offices or Phone: Don Dixon Provincial Apiarist 945-3861
C. Beef			
1. Performance Testing of Beef Bulls - increase availability of genetically superior beef bulls that have been identified through growth performance testing.	Grant of $50 for each bull meeting eligibility criteria. Paid to Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association on behalf of the breeder	Owners of young beef bulls utilizing Douglas Bull Testing Station, who maintain complete pre-weaning performance records on tested bulls.	Beef Program Specialist, Animal Industry Branch Agricultural Services Complex University of Manitoba Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2 (204) 945-7660 or local Ag. Rep.

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2. Beef Stabilization and Marketing Plan - improve income stability and profitability for participating producers through a provincial/ producer funded voluntary ongoing program.	Participants may market and receive stabilization coverage on calves, feeders, or slaughter animals, with three levels of coverage and premium rates in each class to choose from.	Producers eligible to participate in the Plan are those who: own and operate a beef production unit on owned or leased property situated in Manitoba and who reside in Manitoba; and whose principal occupation is farming, without excluding those who supplement their income from other sources.	Manitoba Beef Commission 1135-444 St. Mary's Avenue P.O. Box 1257 Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2Y4 (204) 945-4161
D. Dairy			
1. Dairy Herd Improvement Association Grant	Assistance of $2.00 per cow per year or $20 per test plus 65¢ per mile.	Available to associations.	Dairy Management Specialist Animal Industry Br. Agricultural Services Complex University of Manitoba Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2 (204) 945-7670 or local Dairy Herd Improvement Association
E. Swine			
1. Manitoba Hog Stabilization and Marketing Plan - a voluntary insurance plan designed to enable participating producers to improve their income stability by offering a support price for market hogs based on a cost-of-production model.	Support price is determined at the end of each quarter and is based on 87% of the cost as indicated by the model. Payments are triggered whenever the quarterly average price is below the support price. The government contribution is the same as the producer premium to a maximum of 2%. Currently producers pay 5% and government pays 1% of the market price. Manitoba Government provides administration costs and non-interest bearing loans if required.	All hog producers registered with the Manitoba Hog Producers' Marketing Board and whose principal occupation is farming without excluding those who supplement their income from other sources. A total of 1,250 hogs/quarter can be insured or 5,000 hogs/year. Partnerships or limited corporations are eligible for up to 3,750 hogs/quarter or 15,000 hogs/year.	Manitoba Hog Producers' Marketing Board 750 Marion Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R2J 0K4 (204) 233-4991
F. Other			
1. Livestock and Livestock Product Exhibits - provides support to producers in exhibiting livestock (and seed in the case of crop producers) at the Toronto Royal	Transportation assistance 75% paid by federal and 25% paid by provincial governments.	Livestock (and crop) exhibitors.	Assistant Superintendent Agricultural Societies Technical Services & Training Branch 810 Norquay Building Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0P8 (204) 945-4524

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IV. WATER DEVELOPMENT			
1. P.F.R.A. Rural Water Development Program - to provide technical and financial assistance to bona fide farmers and ranchers for the development of on-farm water sources.	Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to the maximums stated below. As detailed below, unit prices will be applied for some items of work or material. Unit Price Maximums Earthwork $0.28 per cubic metre ($0.21 per cubic yard). Materials - one third of the cost of approved materials.	1. The applicant must be a bona fide farmer or rancher, (a person who is recognized as such for income tax purposes) and the project must be located on a bona fide farm or ranch, on land owned or controlled by the applicant. Individuals whose major source of income is not farming, and who carry out "minor farming activities" with no reasonable expectation of profit, are NOT ELIGIBLE. 2. Prior to any development being undertaken, application must be made to PFRA on appropriate application form, or by personally contacting one of the PFRA Soil & Water Conservation Service Offices. Failure to comply with this requirement could render prospective recipients ineligible for a contribution. 3. Applicant is required to construct projects according to established standards and specifications provided by PFRA and various provincial government agencies. 4. Projects requiring authorization by provincial Water Rights Branch must be approved prior to financial contribution being recommended. Note: This policy will be in effect from April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986. Applications for wells, dugouts and other source development projects (not requiring water rights approval) completed during this period will be accepted until March 31, 1987.	Apply to P.F.R.A. Soil and Water Conservation Services offices located in: Brandon, Manitoba (204) 727-0601 Dauphin, Manitoba (204) 638-6108 Morden, Manitoba (204) 822-4078 Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 949-3123
2. Individual Stockwatering Dams, Dugouts and Other Source Developments	Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to a maximum of $1,650 per stockwatering dam, dugout or other source development.	Dugouts shall be at least 1,911 cubic metres (2,500 cubic yards) in size to qualify for a financial contribution. The dugout must have a minimum depth of 3.65 metres (12 feet) for pasture use and 4.27 metres (14 feet) for dugouts used as a year-round supply (ie. farmstead supply). Eligible costs include earthwork, pipeline installation, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control gates, plastic pipe, or any other approved material used in construction of the project.	Apply to P.F.R.A. Soil and Water Conservation Services offices located in: Brandon, Manitoba (204) 727-0601 Dauphin, Manitoba (204) 638-6108 Morden, Manitoba (204) 822-4078 Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 949-3123

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3. Individual Farm Wells	Small Diameter Wells (normally rotary, cable-tool or jetted) One-third of eligible costs or $22 per metre ($6.70 per foot) of cased depth (including length of screen) whichever is less. Large Diameter Wells (normally bored or excavated) One-third of eligible costs or $52 per metre ($15.85 per foot) of cribbed depth plus one-third the cost of a large diameter screen, whichever is less.	The maximum contribution for any one well will be $1,650. Eligible costs include cribbing, casing, screens, development, pump-testing, etc., but does not include pumps, power or any other equipment used to draw water from the well.	Apply to P.F.R.A. Soil and Water Conservation Services offices located in: Brandon, Manitoba (204) 727-0601 Dauphin, Manitoba (204) 638-6108 Morden, Manitoba (204) 822-4078 Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 949-3123
4. Individual and Neighbour Irrigation Projects.	Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to a maximum of $2,200 per project. Eligible costs include earthwork, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control structures, aluminum or plastic pipe, sprinkler equipment, pumps, motors, or any other approved material or equipment. Where two or more farmers jointly develop an irrigation project, the total financial assistance per project will be based on unit prices or one-third of eligible costs, whichever is less, to a maximum of $2,200 per applicant.	Applicants for contributions are required to present invoices for materials or services, and if applicable, Well Driller's Log or Report are to be included as eligible costs for purposes of calculating contributions.	Apply to P.F.R.A. Soil and Water Conservation Services offices located in: Brandon, Manitoba (204) 727-0601 Dauphin, Manitoba (204) 638-6108 Morden, Manitoba (204) 822-4078 Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 949-3123
5. Group Projects	Subject to the availability of funds and departmental approval, financial and technical assistance will be available to groups of bona fide farmers and ranchers (five or more) in Manitoba, for the development of water sources for domestic, livestock or irrigation uses. Contributions for approved projects will be based on 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of $15,000; however, consideration will be given to projects where Canada's share would exceed this level.	Available to: Bona fide farmers and ranchers for the development of on-farm water sources. Technical assistance is provided at no charge to locate, investigate, survey, design and inspect water source development projects and irrigation projects. Eligible projects will include any type of source development and the conveyance works to the point of use, but will exclude land and treatment or distribution works. Shareable costs include all services, materials and labour required for the development of water sources.	Apply to P.F.R.A. Soil and Water Conservation Services offices located in: Brandon, Manitoba (204) 727-0601 Dauphin, Manitoba (204) 638-6108 Morden, Manitoba (204) 822-4078 Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 949-3123
6. Provincial Irrigation Assistance Program - to defray the costs associated with the planning stages of an irrigation project.	A one-time grant of 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of $2,000. Eligible costs are irrigation related expenses, such as equipment purchases. Applicants are required to present invoices for materials or services.	Must be a bona fide farmer and: 1. A soil investigation must be done by Manitoba Agriculture ($100 fee). 2. It is the responsibility of the irrigator to ensure the water source is sufficient to meet his needs. 3. A Water Rights License is required. 4. A chemical analysis must be done on the water. 5. Must have access to three-phase power.	Soil Management Specialist Manitoba Agriculture 915 - 401 York Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0P8 (204) 945-2161

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7. Farm Water Source Development - to assist individual farmers to develop a satisfactory off-farmstead water source to meet farming needs.	Financial assistance is provided on approved designs on the basis of 30% of eligible costs not shared by P.F.R.A. Each farm is eligible for only one rebate.	1. The applicant must be a bona fide farmer. 2. Water source must be located outside the farmstead and be adequate to meet farming needs. 3. Abnormal costs must be encountered. 4. Design approval is required prior to construction to insure eligibility for financial assistance. 5. Applicant is required to construct project according to established standards and procedures.	Farmers can apply for assistance through their local Agricultural Offices or contact the District Farmwater Source Technologist as follows: Wes Friesen 27 - 2nd Avenue S.W. Dauphin, Manitoba R7N 3E5 (204) 638-9111 Elwyn McFeetors 2022 Currie Blvd. Brandon, Manitoba R7A 6A3 (204) 725-1039 Bob Toma Box 667 Carman, Manitoba ROG 0J0 (204) 745-2005 Mursel Kluke 20 First St. S. Beausejour, Manitoba ROE 0C0 (204) 268-1411
8. Agricultural Area Water Pipeline - provides assistance to local government or legally incorporated groups of five of more individuals who have obtained permission from the local government, to install pipelines for transporting water from a known supply into water short areas.	Financial assistance of 30% of eligible costs in excess of any P.F.R.A. contributions. Eligible costs include: - Pipeline material and installation. - Right-of-Way and easements. - Engineering fees. - Co-op Development will provide assistance in the setting up and development of Co-operatives.	If the local government is not directly involved, the group of individuals applying for assistance must become legally incorporated. Prior approval of plans must be obtained from Environmental Workplace Safety & Health. System must be designed by a qualified Professional Engineer. All Right-of-Ways and easements must be in accordance with established standards and procedures.	A letter of request should be sent with a resolution requesting technical and financial assistance from both P.F.R.A. and M.W.S.B. to: The Manitoba Water Services Board P.O. Box 1059 2022 Currie Blvd. Brandon, Manitoba R7A 6A3 (204) 727-1917 P.F.R.A. P.O. Box 275 Brandon, Manitoba R7A 5Z2 (204) 727-0601

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V. OTHER			
1. Federal Excise Tax Refund on Gasoline	Excise tax of 1.5c/litre is refundable.	Available to farmers using gasoline in their farming operation. Claim may be submitted at 6-month intervals for periods ending December 31 and June 30 or when the tax claimable amounts to $200, subject to a maximum of 1 claim per month.	Excise Branch Revenue Canada, 13th floor 220 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2W2 (204) 949-4012
2. Federal Sales Tax Refund on Fuel	A rebate of 4.8c/litre on the fuel (gasoline and diesel) purchased for off-highway use in commercial activities between December 1, 1984 and January, 1987. The new rebate is in addition to the 1.5c/litre excise tax refund for gasoline.	Available to individual producers using fuel for farming operation. Applications for refunds must be made within 4 years of the date of purchase of the fuel. It is not necessary to submit receipts or vouchers with a claim, but each claimant must retain documentation for audit purposes.	Excise Branch Revenue Canada, 13th floor 220 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2W2 (204) 949-4012
3. The Manitoba Retail Sales Tax Act - to provide farmers with production inputs without payment of sales tax.	Entitlement to purchase machinery apparatus and parts, for use directly in the manufacture or production of goods without payment of sales tax.	Farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products. The Farm-Use Certificate, where applicable, is required to be obtained by the seller at the time of sale and should be in the following form: "I hereby certify that the goods shown on this invoice will be used exclusively for farming." Date _____ Signature _____	Retail Sales Tax Branch 115 Norquay Building 401 York Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0P8 (204) 945-6444 Toll Free No. 1-800-782-0318
4. Careerstart '85	Wage assistance of $2.15/hr. for a period of 16 weeks during the period of May to September, 1985.	A Manitoba employer must provide a new job for a student or unemployed youth for a minimum of 210 hours. Applications will be accepted until March 29, 1985.	Employment Services Offices 1009-401 York Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 945-4959 or 945-3914 or district offices
5. Manitoba Jobs and Training Program	Wage assistance of $2.15/hr. for a period of up to 30 weeks and assistance with on-the-job training plans.	A Manitoba employer must provide a long-term job for an unemployed youth (non-student). Manitoba Jobs and Training Program applications will be accepted until all program funds are committed. It is advisable to apply as early as possible.	Employment Services Offices 1009-401 York Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 945-4959 or 945-3914 or district offices
6. Youth Business Start - offers financial assistance and business advice to young people who choose the option of starting up their own business.	Each approved applicant will be partially reimbursed for business costs incurred up to a maximum of $4,000. A maximum of 2 people per business are eligible to apply allowing a business venture to receive up to a maximum of $8,000. Funding will be provided for operational expenses (including salaries of employees), renovations, inventory and equipment. Funding cannot be applied to the purchase of land or buildings. Salary expenses for owner(s) cannot be submitted for reimbursement.	The applicant must be between 18-24 years of age at the time the application is made. The proposed business: 1. must be based in Manitoba, 2. must not be owned and in active operation by the applicant at the time of application submission, 3. must be a business created for the purpose of making profit, 4. must be owned and operated by the applicant once the business has been approved, 5. must be a full-time, year-round business.	Employment Services Offices 1009-401 York Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 945-4424 or district offices